

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

Since the school election held in Clifton a few weeks ago the people of the east end of the county who have been favoring county division are asking themselves the question: "What would happen to us if we should divide the county?"

The election held for the purpose of consolidating districts numbers three and eighteen demonstrated clearly what a powerful corporation can and will do in an election, if their interests are affected. What occurred in the school election could easily occur at a general election, if the county was divided, whenever the corporations controlling that county so decreed. To the dictation of about a half dozen men would the people have to submit, absolutely. At the present time this condition comes near enough being true, but the conditions now remind one of Paradise compared with what they would be if the county were divided.

How would the people of the east end like to be dictated to in all their public affairs and absolutely controlled by foreign influences? How would they like to see hundreds of foreigners marched to the polls in droves and compelled to vote as they were ordered, thus turning aside the wishes of the people for the benefit and profit of powerful corporations?

This is no fairy dream. It is a stern reality. It is a condition and not a theory. If the people up there desire to accept this condition the people down here are willing they should.

In the school election referred to a large majority of the American citizens desired to unite the two districts and voted for it, yet they were badly defeated. It is charged by responsible people of Clifton that about three hundred illegal votes were cast at that election, that the Mexicans were brought out of the works in droves and voted; that other foreigners employed by the company voted, and although vigorous protests were made no attention was paid to it. It is certainly a pretty condition of affairs when an American community is controlled by a few foreigners by a simple crook the finger.

According to Washington dispatches Mrs. Freda Mashbir has been appointed postmistress for Safford by President Roosevelt. This appointment is certainly complimentary to Mrs. Mashbir and the democrats here, in view of the fact that an active and prominent republican has been a candidate for the position for more than a year, with the endorsement of the territorial administration and the republican machine. Mrs. Mashbir sent in her petition less than a month ago and it is understood with an endorsement from the present incumbent, which is supposed to have carried considerable weight. Again we congratulate Mrs. Mashbir and the democrats on her victory.

The Silver Belt says that the good times now prevailing in Globe has attracted a large amount of mining pirates known as claim jumpers, men who never earned an honest dollar in their lives, who live on the industry of others, who when a camp livens up sail in and steal valuable claims from those who has held them all through the hard times. The Belt has sounded a warning to these highwaymen and given them to understand that Globe will prove to be a very unhealthy place for them and their kind.

We are in receipt of Attorney General Clark's brief on the mine tax question. It covers one hundred and two pages and is an able argument on the territory's position taken on the question. It shows that just such raises as the board made this year on mines have been made on all other classes of property each year since 1888 without question. The supreme court should and we believe will sustain the territory.

The gamblers of Douglas recently made a demand that their li-

Something Doing ...HERE...

A Few Words to Our Customers and Those Who are Not Acquainted With Us:

Our business for the last year has been prosperous and our trade has increased so that we have installed more help and modern methods. We are going to show our appreciation by giving our customers and friends better prices, and a far better line of new and up-to-date goods to choose from.

During the month of December we will sell Men's and Boy's Hats at 20 per cent off, and will close out our Ladies' and Misses' Hats at 40 per cent off. We have the largest variety of Hats to be found in the Valley, in fact we have over-bought in Hats and they must sell.

On All Kinds of Dry Goods, of which we have an Immense Stock and are selling Very Low, we will from December 2nd, sell all through the month at 10 per cent off. We have a fine line of Dress Goods, including Fancy and Plain Mohairs, Fine Brilliantines, Cashmeres, Worsted, Henriettes, Plaids, Heavy Skirting, Toile de Nord, Dress Gingham.

We have a fine display of Ladies' Winter Shirt Waists from 50c up Blankets and Quilts from 65 cts per pair to \$7.50.

Fancy Table Covers, \$1.00 to \$1.25

We have the best line of Bed Spreads you will find in the Country from 75 cts to \$2.50, colored and white.

We have a fine lot of Umbrellas for Ladies and Gentlemen at give-away prices.

Fancy Floor Matting, Oil Cloth, and in fact our store is full of up-to-date goods. We handle no cheap or worthless stuff. When you buy at this store it is a guarantee that you have your money's worth. We have the completest line of Gent's Furnishing Goods found in this country.

We have over \$1500 of shirts alone.

Gent's and Ladies' Gloves from 25 cts to \$2.00

We can fit you out with style and price, if you don't want the earth for a dime.

We have a fine lot of Shoes at a Bargain.

Will give you the best prices on Groceries and make it worth your while to come from a distance.

In fact we are Surprising the People with Prices and Business. Keep this and return it to us with your name signed on the back of it. It is worth 25 cents to you. Just one to each family.

Anyone buying \$2.00 worth of goods in the house, after December 1st, 1905, can have 25 cents worth of Christmas Toys, Holiday Goods, Nuts or Candies, FREE up to Christmas, but will only receive one from each family.

We have Bargains in Shoes, Bargains in Hats, and Bargains in Ladies' Notions, Woolen Underwear and many other things too numerous to mention.

Don't pass this by as an ordinary ad. Come and be convinced. We have what you want at prices you are not used to.

Highest Prices Paid For Chickens and Eggs

C. T. Reynolds,
Safford, Arizona

The Safford Meat Market

Geo. A. OLNEY, Proprietor

For Everything in the Market Line

Such as Beef, Mutton, Pork, Veal, Lamb, Smoked and Salted Meats, Poultry, Fish and Fresh Vegetables.

case be reduced. The city council held a special meeting and said to the boys of the blue cloth if you want to gamble in Douglas you must pay the license as now fixed. It is only a matter of a short time when gambling will be abolished throughout the territory.

The justice of the peace at Ash Fork recently sentenced a man to hard labor for six months for shooting up the town. This is the kind of medicine that should be prescribed for all gun toters and shooters. These disturbers of the peace are no benefit to any community. They should always receive the full benefit of the law. Arizona is now a civilized country and the hard customers and tough hombres must be taught to realize this fact—Era.

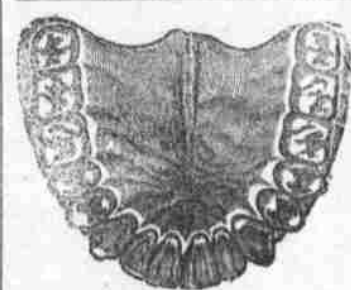
Death of Senator Mitchell

United States Senator John H. Mitchell died at Portland, Oregon, last Friday, death resulting from complications following the removal of four teeth at a dental office. A hemorrhage followed the operation. The flow of blood could not be stopped.

This complicated with diabetes and other ailments caused him to weaken rapidly. Every means

possible was taken to save the senator's life, but medical science was unavailing.

Oscar Felton came through Stockton Pass last Monday and reports more than a foot of snow at Tom Richard's ranch, about seven inches more than was ever known there before.



Resident Dentist
Safford, Arizona

Full set of teeth \$15.00. All work cheap accordingly, till January 1, 1906. All work guaranteed. Office next door to the Guardian building. Office hours: 8 to 5.

M. E. Brenner,
Surgeon Dentist

Wilson Ranch

On the Gila river 8 miles above Duncan Arizona, 5 miles from Franklin.

350 acres deeded land, 200 under cultivation all under 4 wire fence. Small fields cross fenced with 5 foot hog wire. 6 room adobe house on home ranch. Fine bearing Apple orchard. Several out houses on ranch, and good out buildings, including 60 foot frame corn crib, tool house, blacksmith shop, granaries, all covered with Iron Roofing. Fine well of water 30 feet deep, good cellar, ground rents for 1-3 grain delivered at home ranch.

Hog raising a specialty, good outside ranges, private canal, 3 miles long, second water right on river, this Ranch is just over the line in New Mexico and taxes LOW.

Very desirable ranch for a settlement of families, as it lays convenient for subdivision. Price \$12,000, terms \$4,000 cash. Balance long time at 7% annual interest.

See or write:

H. W. BISHOP,
Box 24, Solomonville, Ariz.

The Safford Postmistress

A Washington dispatch dated December 11th, says: The president today nominated Frieda T. Mashbir to be postmaster at Safford.

The Misses Reike will leave here for Tucson on Saturday. They go there to teach a private school. Miss Gertrude Reike has been teaching in Central and Miss West will take her place in that school.

Solomon Commercial Company

Holiday Goods

Our Holiday Goods surpass anything in the Valley, in variety, quantity and price

Call and see them or write, or phone us before buying anything for Christmas

You will regret it if your neighbor buys from us and you do not

We have everything you will need for Christmas

Dry Goods and Clothing

Solomon Commercial Co.

SOLOMONVILLE, ARIZONA



Our Christmas Goods are on the road. We tried to stop them and did not expect to let them come as we are going to close out everything in the way of Christmas Goods. So if you will wait for our stock it will pay you. We will sell them for less than you ever bought such goods before. We have some very fine Presents, and they must be sold.

Remember that on December 27th we will give the Buggy away to someone who brought in the keys. We want everyone here, and to see that you get an equal showing and to see that we give it away as we agreed to.

We are closing out the Millinery Stock at half price. If you need a Hat or Trimmings, you get it at half price.

Ten Per Cent Discount on Clothing for the Balance of 1905

RECEIVED THIS WEEK A BIG LOT OF WRAPS THAT WILL BE SOLD AT HALF THE REGULAR PRICE. SEE OUR BOXES FOR FINE CANDIES AND NUTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Special Shoes for Men and Ladies for the Holidays

J. M. Foster

MY PRICES

are the lowest possible figures at which good Dental work can be accomplished. For examination of the teeth I charge nothing. Your teeth should be examined often and when their condition demands treatment they should have immediate attention. Consultation and estimates FREE.

DR. J. G. BELT,
Modern Dentistry

Wedding at Central

At three o'clock last Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Leroy Scarlett, of Safford, and Miss Ethel Motes were married at the residence of the bride's parents in Central, Bishop Alva S. Porter officiating. Only the relatives and a few friends of the bride and groom were present.

In the evening a wedding reception was given at the residence of the groom's parents.

Wednesday morning the bride and groom took the train for Bisbee, where they expect to make their future home.

The Safford Drug company has just put in a new improved Federal Cash Register. Its a model of beauty and simplicity.

Appropriations For Arizona.

A Washington dispatch says: The secretary of the treasury has transmitted to congress an estimate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, the following items for Arizona: For land for garrison purposes and drill grounds at Whipple Barracks, \$9,000; repair of the ruins at Casa Grande, \$3,000; support of the Truxton Canyon Indian schools, \$27,045; Phoenix school, \$143,490; Fort Mohave school, \$45,000; irrigation Pima Indian lands, \$49,000.

Geo. H. Birdno started for San Francisco last Monday, where he has gone to get a thoroughbred trotting stallion, which he will bring back to the valley with him. The horse is reputed to be one of the best bred horses on the coast.